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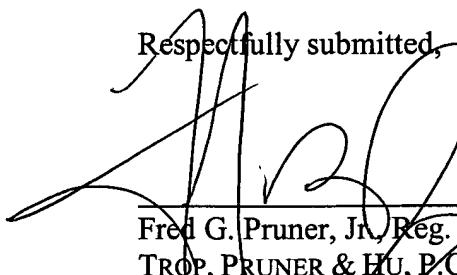
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the primary Examiner dated February 9, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-20.

Because a Notice of Appeal fee was previously paid and Applicant elected to continue prosecution prior to a decision on the merits by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the previously paid Notice of Appeal fee is to be applied to this appeal pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1208.02. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0327US).

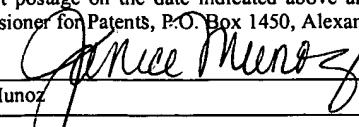
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